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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Messrs. Quinn, Kerney, and Praga
of Congressman Halpern's Staff on 31 July 1972

1. The afternoon of 31 July, Rodger Digilio (of Nelson Gross' office in State) and I had a session of about two hours or more with Terry Quinn, Jim Kerney, and Larry Praga in Congressman Seymour Halpern's suite in the Rayburn Building. Halpern himself was present for only a couple of minutes during the session. The subject was narcotics and narcotics control.

a. My participation in this session was at the request of Digilio. Quinn had come to Gross' office with a five- or six-page questionnaire which, I gather, they wanted filled out for around sixty countries. Digilio had suggested that what they really needed first was a long briefing by some knowledgeable people, and that they could ask their questions after that. Digilio asked me if I would agree to participate. I cleared my participation in advance with OLC and DDP,

b. My understanding is that Halpern's office is working toward publication of another report on narcotics and the narcotics trade. (See last year's report: "The International Narcotics Trade and Its Relation to the United States," Report of Special Study Mission by Hon. Seymour Halpern, Committee on Foreign Affairs, pursuant to H. Res. 143...; dated October 24, 1971.)

2. The session was fairly informal and very friendly throughout. Digilio and I covered the world poppy situation, the licit and illicit trade in opium and opium derivatives, trafficking patterns and trends, international control efforts, etc. There were, of course, a number of questions. There was no passage of classified materials.

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3. I took to the session a copy of the newly printed World Opium Survey 1972. This was at Digilio's request. Digilio is completely familiar with the fact that distribution of this Survey is being held up until the CCINC meeting scheduled for 16 August. Digilio had asked the White House (Minnick) about giving Halpern's people an advance copy of the Survey. Minnick had not wanted a copy passed at this time, but had okayed showing them a copy--and, I gather, had indicated that a copy could be passed, with word on holding it close, if there was strong pressure on this. Halpern's people were, of course, very much interested in having a copy. The copy was not passed on 31 July, but Digilio did say at the session that he would take the question up and see if permission could be obtained for letting them have an advance copy. I am leaving that as something for Digilio and the White House to resolve.

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